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GENEVA FOR PHELAN

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TAGS: ETRD, IT, EEC
SUBJECT: TEXTILES: ITALIAN IMPORT IMPEDIMENTS

REF: ROME 8854

1. MISSION OFFICER WENT OVER WITH EC TEXTILE NEGOTIATOR
TRAN VAN THIN ON JUNE ONE THE MATERIAL CONTAINED IN
REFTEL RELATING TO CURRENT ITALIAN PRACTICE ON AUTO-
MATIC IMPORT LICENSES AND THE SPECIAL TECHNICAL COM-
MITTEE WITH RESPECT TO TEXTILE IMPORTS.

2. ON AUTOMATIC IMPORT LICENSES, TRAN EXPRESSED CONSIDER-
ABLE ANNOYANCE WITH THE ITALIANS. HE MENTIONED THAT COM-
MUNITY REGULATIONS REQUIRE ISSUANCE OF LICENSES ON
DEMAND AND WITHIN FIVE WORKING DAYS. HE CONTINUES TO
RECEIVE INFORMATION THAT ITALY, AND OCCASIONALLY FRANCE
AND ONE OR TWO OTHER MEMBER STATE GOVERNMENTS, ARE TAKING
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LONGER THAN THAT TO ISSUE THE LICENSES. IF THE ITALIANS
PERSIST, HE SAID THE COMMISSION WOULD BE TEMPTED TO TAKE
THEM TO THE EUROPEAN COURT OF JUSTICE. TRAN SEES AUTOMATIC
ISSUANCE AS A TEST OF COMMISSION GOOD FAITH WITH THOSE
LDC.S WHO HAVE ENTERED INTO BILATERAL RESTRAINT AGREE-
MENTS.

3. ON THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE, TRAN CONFESSED THAT COMMISSION HAD OVERLOOKED ITS FUNCTIONS IN EARLIER DISCUSSIONS WITH THE ITALIANS AND HAD, IN EFFECT, CONSENTED TO ITS CREATION. FOR THE PRESENT, AND UNTIL THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS HAS APPROVED ALL OF THE BILATERAL RESTRAINT AGREEMENTS, TRAN IS RELUCTANT TO MOVE AGAINST THE ITALIANS LEST THEY RAISE PROBLEMS FOR HIM IN THE COUNCIL. ONCE THE BILATERALS HAVE BEEN APPROVED, HE WOULD HOPE TO BE ABLE TO BRING PRESSURE ON THE GOI EITHER TO ABOLISH THE COMMITTEE OR TO MAKE SURE THAT ITS OPERATIONS WERE IN FACT TECHNICAL RATHER THAN PUNITIVE. HINTON

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